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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Mark A. Smith et al.	Examiner:	Michael P. Nghiem
Serial No.:	09/839,385	Group Art Unit:	2863
Filed:	April 20, 2001	Docket No.:	10001074-1
Title:	INK CONTAINER CONFIGURED TO ESTABLISH RELIABLE FLUIDIC CONNECTION TO A RECEIVING STATION		

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 31, 2004. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.  
**Remarks** begin on page 7.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.